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Attention: Muhaned Aljabiry, Chief  
Office of Federal Transportation Management Program

SUBJECT: Conformity Determination for the San Joaquin Council of Governments 2017  
Federal Transportation Improvement Program Amendment #9 and 2014 RTP  
Amendment #4

Dear Mr. Aljabiry:

The Federal Highway Administration (FHWA) and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) have completed our review of the air quality conformity determination for the San Joaquin Council of Governments (SJCOG) 2017 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP) Amendment #9 and 2014 RTP Amendment #4. This conformity determination is required for the 2017 FTIP and 2014 RTP pursuant to the Environmental Protection Agency's (EPA's) *Transportation Conformity Rule*, 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93, and the United States Department of Transportation's *Final Rule on Statewide and Metropolitan Planning*, 23 CFR 450.

On April 27, 2017, SJCOG adopted Amendment #9 to the 2017 FTIP and Amendment #4 to the 2014 RTP and made the corresponding conformity determination via Resolution R-17-26. SJCOG's air quality conformity analysis submitted with your letter dated May 12, 2017 indicates all air quality conformity requirements have been met. Based upon our review and after consultation with the USEPA Region 9 office, we find that SJCOG's 2017 FTIP and 2014 RTP conforms to the applicable State Implementation Plan in accordance with the provisions of 40 CFR Parts 51 and 93. In accordance with the July 31, 2014 *Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Federal Highway Administration, California Division and the Federal Transit Administration, Region IX*, the FTA has concurred with this conformity determination.

In accordance with the MOU cited above, the FHWA's single signature constitutes the joint FHWA and FTA air quality conformity determination for the SJCOG 2017 FTIP Amendment #9 and 2014 RTP Amendment #4. Accordingly, FHWA and FTA approve this amendment in accordance with 23 CFR 450. This letter also constitutes approval and inclusion of SJCOG's 2017 FTIP Amendment #9 and 2014 RTP Amendment #4 into California's 2017 FSTIP.

If you have any questions regarding this action, please contact Stew Sonnenberg at (916) 498-5889.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Vincent P. Mammano". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "V" and a long, sweeping underline.

For: Vincent P. Mammano  
Division Administrator